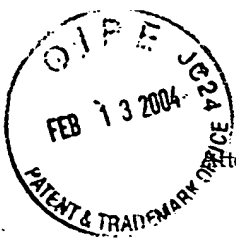## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the title paragraph as it appears on lines 2-3 of page 1 of the application. Likewise, please delete the title paragraph as it appears on lines 2-4 of page 26 of the application.

Please replace the title paragraph on lines 2-3 of page 1 and on lines 2-4 of page 26 with the title paragraph as follows:

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Multi-Part Looked-Up Table Field and its Use in Data Processing Operations Involving Multiple Tables of a Relational Database

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5   BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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1.   Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to the field of data processing. More

specifically, the present invention relates to data processing techniques associated

10   with data processing operations involving multiple tables of a relational database.

2.   Background Information

In the course of the last two to three decades, relational database has

arguably become the most widely used database model in database management.

15   Along with the growing popularity of relational databases, the Structured Query

Language (SQL) has become an indispensable tool for accessing data stored in

tables of relational databases.

However, as those skilled in the art would appreciate, virtually all data

accesses of any meaningful application would require access and processing of

20   data resided in multiple tables. Such accesses and processing require the

employment of the JOIN clause in a SQL statement (such as a SELECT, an

INSERT, an UPDATE and a DELETE statement), joining tables of interest together.

Experience has shown that except for professional programmers experienced with

SQL, few users fully understand or are totally comfortable with joining tables.

25   Unfortunately, the number of users having a need to access and process data